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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **WET PROCESSING USING A FLUID MENISCUS, APPARATUS AND METHOD**, the specification of which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 28, 2000, as U.S. Serial No.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any United States provisional application(s) for patent listed below and have also identified below any United States provisional application(s) for patent having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)**

Number	Country filed	Day/month/year	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC § 119
60/156,582	USA	29 September 1999 (29/09/99)	Yes

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And I hereby appoint Gerard A. Messina (Reg. No. 35,952) and Aziz M. Ahsan (Reg. No. 32,100) my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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